Statement

List of Professional bodies whose membership Examinations have been Recognised by Government of lndia for Recruitment to superior Posts and Services Under the Central Government

S No.	Name of Address of Professional Body	Examination Recognised
1.	The Secretary, The Institution of Engineers (India), 8, Gokhale Road, Calcutta -700020.	Sections A & B of the Ass oca e Membership Examination,
2	The Secretary, The Aeronauticsl Society of India, 13-B Indraprastha Estate, New Deihi-1.	Parts II & HI of Associate Membership Examination 2, Sections A & B (New Scheme-) of Associate Membership Examinations,
3.	The Secretary, Institution of Surveyors India Maude Road, Delhi Cantt. 110010.	Final Examination in any of the following branches: a) Land Surveying b) Hydrographics Surveying c) Buildings, Quality and valuation surveying.
4	The Secretary, Institute of Electronic & Telecommunication Engineers. Plot No. 2, Institutional Area Lodi Road New Delhi-110003.	Graduateship Examination.
5	The Secretary, Indian Instt. of Metals, 2, Sambunath Pandit Street, Calcutta-700020.	Associate Membership Examination.
6	The Secretary, Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers, Rajasubodh, Mullick Road, P.B. No. 17001, Calcutta-700032.	Associate Membership Examination.
7	The Secretary, Institution of Chemists India) 11/1 Dr. Biresh Kumar Road, Calcutta-700017.	Associate Diploma Examinations.
8	Institution of Mechnicai Engineers (India), Post Box No. 10146, Bombay.	Associate Membership Examination.
9	The Secretary, National Productivity Council, Productivity House, Lodi Road, New Delhi-170003.	Two years Post-graduate Diploma in Industrial Engineering.

Female literacy rate, in the States

2831. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) what are the names of States in which the female literacy rate in below average and what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) what are the steps taken the Central Government to reduce the drop-out rate of giri students in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE, DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) According to 1981 Census (excluding Assam) national average of female literacy for all age-group in lndia was 24.82 per cent. The following 11 Statesl U.Ts have literacy rate below national average:

Andhra Pradesh Bihar, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Uttar Pra-desh, Arunachal Pradesh and Dadra & Nagar Haveli

Reasons for lower literacy rate among women include *inter-alia* social prejudices inhibiting the enrolment in attendance of girls in schools, lack of motivation and among women about the usefulness of literacy and education and high incidence of rural powerty which compel majority of women to join the work force in agricultural and allied activities on low remuneration to supplement the family income.

(b) Central Government has taken some of the following step to reduce the dropout rate of pirl students in the country:

—Opjning of non-formal education centres for girls in educationally backward States|Pockets in each State.

—The scheme in operation since 1979-80 on 50:50 Centre State sharing basis has been revised juning 1983-84 under which financial assistance to States |uTs are given on 90:10 Centre-State sharing basis, Cent;al financial as-anee is provided to States]UTs for appointment of \vomen teachers under primary schools. Besides the State Go-vernmen:; and Union Territory Adminis-trations have been requested from time to time to make special efforts for increasing the enrolment and ensuring retention through various incentives and benefits to the girl students like free studentship provision of free iext-books, stationery, free dress, scholarships, midday meals, etc.

Railway line between Pakala and Katpadi

2832. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to construct a parallel ay line between Pakala and Katpadi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be complet ed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA); (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Metre Gauge Rail line between Pakal and Tirupati

2833. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be plea sed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the South Central Railway submitted detailed survey report for the replacement of metre gauge line between Pakala and Tirupati; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATB IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This work has not been approved.

Telephone exchanges in Andhra Pradesh

2834. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR Will the Minister of COMMUNICA TIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Telephone exchanges working at present in the State of Andhra Pradesh District-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to set up more Telephone exchanges in the State, district-wise with the names of the places; and

(c) what is the amount earmarked for the new Telephone exchanges in the State, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) There are 1940 telephone exchanges wor-